

APPENDIX B

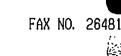
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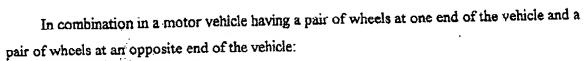
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Date of Interview	– ,		•	
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted:				
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Claim(s) discussed: 46 and 50				1
Identification of prior art discussed:				
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Description of the general nature of what was agreed to	if an agreement was	reached, or	any other comm	nents:
A claim defining the cruise mode operation and the h	ybrid yehicle together	with a tern	ninal disclaimer	would be
allowable.				
The other claims will be reviewed subject to an updated search.				
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(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments, if available, which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendents which would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)				
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an electric motor for powering one of said pair of wheels;

a low prover combustion engine for powering one of said pair of wheels:

a centery for storing electrical energy; and

a cruise mode control having preprogrammed cruise mode operating conditions which includes a vehicle operating speed exceeding a predetermined level and for a predetermined time interval, said-control circuit automatically coupling said electric motor to one of said pair of wheels when said cruise mode operating conditions have not been satisfied, coupling said combustion engine to one of said pair of wheels when said cruise mode operating conditions have been satisfied, and decoupling said combustion engine from said one pair of wheels when said cruise mode operating conditions have not been satisfied;

said cruise mode control circuit adapted to maintain said combustion engine in a constant on mode, to couple said combustion engine to an electric power generator for charging said battery when said cruise mode conditions have not been satisfied, and to decouple said combustion engine from said electric power generator when said cruise mode conditions have been satisfied.